

William Herman was also the first fire instructor for the county of Rockland, one of the founders of the modern Fire Training Center in Pomona, and a constant advocate for education for firefighters. In his career as an instructor, William Herman has taught more than 10,000 firefighters, and has himself taken more than 5,000 hours of training, to keep himself fully aware of changes in the fire service and fire technology.

At 85 years of age, he is still active in service as an instructor, and as a member of the excelsior Engine Company.

Evan DeVries, now in his seventy first year, has served for fifty years as a volunteer firefighter in the Nyack and Pearl River Fire Departments. After serving as chief in the Pearl River Fire Department from 1974 to 1976, he is an active driver with the Excelsior Fire Engine Company, responding weekly to the hundreds of alarms the company handles every year.

Mr. Speaker, in a day and age when community service is so much out of vogue in some quarters, the example of volunteer fireman, William Herman and Evan DeVries, should be commended. Their century of service to the people of Rockland County and to my Congressional District should be appropriately noted by this Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 389, I was present and voted, but my vote was not recorded correctly. Had my vote been recorded correctly, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO RALPH CONSELYEA

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, during our summer recess, a City which I am proud to represent and in which I live, Royal Oak, lost one of its greatest and proudest sons, Ralph Conselyea.

His business activities were centered there. So was his sense of community and they merged to benefit all of the citizens of Royal Oak. Its downtown is today so vital that often forgotten is its days of difficulties in the 60's and 70's. In those days, Ralph Conselyea whipped into action and joined in the purchase and renovation of key properties.

His good works spread beyond downtown into every corner of the City—through the Lions Club, the Goodfellows and many other groups.

Ralph Conselyea for decades was considered "Mr. Royal Oak."

He was always willing to respond to requests for information and advice, and I was among the many who benefitted from his wisdom and kindly spirit.

As we reconvene, it is fitting that we promptly take formal note of the lost felt by so many and to express sincerest condolences to his wife and the entire Conselyea family.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
FRED DEARBORN, CIVILIAN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, U.S. ARMY
ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Mr. Fred Dearborn, who is retiring after serving over 15 years as the Civilian Executive Assistant at the Rock Island Arsenal. As a tireless champion of the Arsenal and its dedicated workforce, Fred deserves the praise that comes with a job that has been well done.

Fred Dearborn is one of the finest public servants I have had the pleasure to work with. He is truly a credit to the U.S. Army and its hardworking civilian employees.

Fred's career in the Army has spanned over 30 years. From his days as an engineer at the Red River Army Depot to becoming the Civilian Executive Assistant at the Arsenal, he has become recognized as one of the best in the business. He is also widely known as being one of the nicest and most honest people in the Army community. These are attributes that in my mind truly sum up Fred as a person. They also reveal why he has become a recognized leader at the Arsenal, in the Army and in the Quad Cities.

These leadership skills were greatly needed over the last two decades as the arsenal went through rapidly changing times. Fred served as the Civilian Executive during the military buildup of the early 80's through the draw-down of our Armed Forces during the last decade. Through his stewardship during these dramatic ups and downs, the Rock Island Arsenal became synonymous with quality and efficient work. Fred should take great pride in his role in helping to establish the Arsenal as perhaps the greatest armaments manufacturing facility in the world. Many of the numerous awards and citations recognizing the Arsenal as one of the premier facilities in the U.S. Army would not have become a reality without his hard work and foresight. Without a doubt, his work has made it a better place.

Fred's contributions to the Arsenal, our community and to the Nation's defense are immeasurable. I am glad that I had his wise counsel during my service on the House Armed Services Committee. He truly has a knack for making the most complicated and technical issues understandable to a layman as well as the ability to see how the bigger trends in our national security policy affect the arsenal. Without his expertise and his vision, my job in promoting the arsenal and its workforce in Congress would have been much tougher.

Fred's dedication to the Rock Island Arsenal has been an inspiration to those of us who believe in the value of public service. I know that he will be missed by all of those who have had the pleasure of working with him.

While Fred will be retiring, I know that he will still be involved in our efforts to maintain the Rock Island Arsenal and its irreplaceable capabilities. He has chosen to remain in the Quad Cities with his wife Cheri for their hard-earned break. I hope that I will still be able to turn to him for advice in our fight to maintain the best facility in the U.S. Army.

I wish Fred and his family the very best on his retirement.

HONORING KSEE 24 HISPANIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hon. Jane Cardoza, Pilar De La Cruz, Gabriel Escalera, Frank C. Franco, and Dr. Cecilio Orozco for being selected as the 1999 Portraits of Success program honorees by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage Month for September, these five leaders were honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

KSEE 24 and Companies that Care launched the 1999 Portraits of Success program to honor five distinguished local leaders in celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage month. Currently in its fifth year, this special project combines specially produced public service announcements, a five-part news series, plus an awards luncheon to publicly recognize the unique contributions of the Hon. Jane Cardoza, Pilar de la Cruz, Gabriel Escalera, Frank C. Franco and Dr. Cecilio Orozco.

Since graduating from law school of 1981, Judge Cardoza started her law career in the Fresno County District Attorney's office, proceeding to the offices of the Fresno City Attorney and State Attorney General, Fresno County Municipal Court and now is the Presiding Judge of Family Law for the Fresno County Superior Court. She is active in the San Joaquin College of Law Board of Trustees, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum Board of Trustees, Fresno Metropolitan Rotary, Fresno City College Puente Project Mentoring Program and Domestic Violence Roundtable.

Pilar de la Cruz began her nursing career in 1969 at Fresno Community Hospital and has moved up the corporate ladder to become vice-president of Education Development at Fresno Community. She has been instrumental in the development of the Jefferson Job Institute, a program to provide training for parents of school children for entry-level jobs in hospital settings. Ms. De la Cruz was named 1998 Volunteer of the Year by the American Heart Association and 1997 RN of the Year by the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations. She received the Latina Beyond Boundaries Award in Healthcare for 1998.

Gabriel Escalera has been in the field of education for 27 years, as principal of Alta Sierra Intermediate School for five years and is the principal of Gateway High School. His college major was physical education; played football for San Diego State and was an athletic director and coached football and wrestling for 12 years. Mr. Escalera is president of the Fresno chapter of the Association of Mexican-American Educators and is also president of the Fresno chapter of ACSA. He is a member of the Latino Educational Issues Roundtable and numerous professional and service organizations.

Mr. Franco is Business Development Manager for the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission and has been with the

Commission for 16 years. He is Chairperson of the Board of the Metropolitan Flood Control District which is instrumental in developing new parks, is past president and board member of Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Franco enjoys working for the benefit of children and serves as a board member of Genesis, Inc., a group home for girls that also provides substance abuse counseling for women.

Dr. Orozco is Professor Emeritus at CSUF's School of Education. In 1980 in Utah he discovered the origins of the Nahuatl people, the ancestors of the Anasazi and Aztecs, and has repeatedly visited the sites. One of his proudest accomplishments was proposing the name of Miguel Hidalgo Elementary School which was the first school in Fresno to be named for a Hispanic, and this effort was partially responsible for his receiving the National Association for Bilingual Education's "Pioneer In Bilingual Education Medal" in 1997. Dr. Orozco published a book explaining the details of the Sun Stone of the Mexicas and the Aztec Calendar and in 1998 published (in Spanish) the essence of his research on the work of Lic. Alfonso Rivas Salmon which dealt with the origins of the Nahuatl people.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the contributions of Judge Jane Cardoza, Pilar De La Cruz, RN, Gabriel Escalera, Frank C. Franco, and Dr. Cecilio Orozco for the month of September, Hispanic-American Heritage Month. These honorees will be recognized at a luncheon on September 13, 1999. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing these honorees many more years of continued success.

HONORING LARRY KATZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the life and accomplishments of my constituent and friend, Lawrence M. Katz, who retires today as a partner at the Baltimore law firm of Piper and Marbury.

Larry and I met at University of Maryland Law School where he distinguished himself as Articles Editor of the Maryland Law Review. After graduating from Maryland, Larry went on to complete an LL.M. degree in Taxation at New York University.

Experienced in all areas of federal income taxation, Larry has taught and advised me personally and professionally. While Larry serves on the Tax Advisory Committee of the American Law Institute, he also finds time to advise me as part of my constituent Tax Advisory Committee that meets a couple of times a year to hear about what Congress is proposing and to advise me about the virtues and possible pitfalls of these decisions. I can always count on him for a concise explanation of how the tax laws work, as well as straightforward, common sense advice on how, in a rational world, they should work.

Larry's knowledge and expertise in the law is exceeded only by the remarkable range of his curiosity, interest, exceptional good judgment. His fascination with the workings of the political system, and the Congress in particular, has significant consequences for me

as his representative and his friend. Larry regularly shares with me articles he has read—from various tax journals—on matters of tax policy from the most arcane aspects of partnerships law to the need for comprehensive reform of our federal tax system. His questions and comments on the latest legislative and political actions demonstrate an acute understanding of Washington—I am sure it is this understanding which has kept him quite happily in Baltimore all these years.

I have been fortunate to have the benefit of Larry's legal counsel for the past thirty years. Even when Myrna and I vacation with Larry and his wife, Ann, down in Long Boat Key, I can count on Larry to bring his files with him—that way he gets to bill me and vacation with me at the same time. Before Myrna and I make vacation plans, we check with Larry, who serves as our amateur travel agent and photographer. Before we plant anything in our garden, we consult our resident horticulturist. Before we make any investment decisions, we check with our special financial adviser.

Larry Katz is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, a designation he richly deserves. I am grateful to know first-hand that if they publish The Best Friends in America, he has earned the right to be listed in the first chapter. As he retires, I thank Larry Katz for being a trusted adviser and friend and to congratulate him on a job well done.

CLEVELAND CLINIC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR REHABILITATION

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I announce the renaming of Health Hill Hospital for Children to the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation.

Since 1998, Health Hill Hospital for Children has been part of the Cleveland Clinic Health System. Devoted entirely to pediatric development, Health Hill has one of the largest teams of pediatric therapists in the nation. In addition to being one of the world's preeminent medical research and educational facilities, the Cleveland Clinic Health System is northeast Ohio's foremost provider of comprehensive medical and rehabilitative services to children requiring long-term treatment. Not only does the hospital's pediatric staff provide excellent care to critically ill and disabled children, but they do so in a comforting and caring environment that eases the children's fears and worries.

The primary goal for Health Hill is to create a more independent lifestyle for these children and their families. For example, by providing unique programs, like the Day Hospital Program, children can receive daily intensive therapy without having to be hospitalized. Day Hospital patients receive therapy, nursing and medical care, yet are able to return home to their families each evening and weekend. Providing patients with the opportunity to maintain their routines and home lives is so important in making a sick child feel as "normal" as possible. The hospital serves children with a variety of illnesses, ranging from spinal cord and head injuries, respiratory problems, feeding

disorders, and burns to chronic or congenital medical conditions.

Mr. Speaker, Health Hill Hospital has proven to be more than just a "hospital." Their commitment to providing the highest standards of medical services for special needs children is why they continue to be a shining example of one of the best children's specialty hospitals. Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation is affiliated with the renowned Cleveland Clinic Foundation, ranked among the ten best hospitals in the nation by U.S. News and World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Hospitals." It is exciting to see the resources of this prestigious hospital devoted to the care of children.

Again, I am honored to announce the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation's new designation, and commend the Foundation's outstanding achievements throughout the past 78 years.

JACK LASKOWSKI: A TRUE LEADER WILL BE DEARLY MISSED

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, on August 8, 1999, friends, family and brothers and sisters of the United Auto Workers lost a great man with the passing of Jack Laskowski. For more than 40 years, he worked in the automotive industry from his first days at General Motors Powertrain in Bay City to his more recent position as a Vice President for the UAW, and the lead negotiator with DaimlerChrysler.

It has been my privilege to know Jack Laskowski. As my mentor, he helped me to truly understand the importance of staying connected with the people we represent. As a friend, he has helped me and so many others understand that anything worth having is worth fighting for as a matter of principle. He carried that attitude throughout everything he did.

A UAW Member since 1958, Jack was elected to Local 362's bargaining committee in 1965. The Committee was headed by his father, Walter "Bullet" Laskowski, who himself was the Local's first chairman and participated in the 1936 strike at the plant that led to the formation of the Local. Jack was also interested in politics and served a term as a City Commissioner of Bay City from 1968 through 1971. In 1982, Jack was named regional director and, in 1992, he was elected as the Director of UAW Region 1D. He was then elected Vice President of the United Auto Workers at its 31st Constitutional Convention in 1995.

Jack Laskowski had a tremendous ability to understand and appreciate the problems that people face in their every day lives. Whether it was the need for a better wage, safer working conditions, or helping his union brothers and sisters deal with the needs of their children, Jack Laskowski could always be counted on to be part of the solution.

Those of us in public office in Michigan knew how important and vital help from Jack Laskowski could be. He looked at politics as an important extension of his efforts to help make life better for his union brothers and sisters. Some things the company and union could do. Other things needed help from the government. It was part of his life's work to